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By Maureen Flores

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## China passes Taiwan antiseccession law

BEIJING (AP) — China's new legislature passed a law Monday to reduce the level of tension between the mainland and the island of Taiwan, and to prevent the island from seceding.

The United Nations has long been a platform for the island to voice its position, but it has been excluded from the organization since 1949.

The law, which is the first of its kind, says that the mainland will not use force to reunify with the island, but it will also not allow the island to secede.

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## Dalai Lama not seeking Tibet independence

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The Dalai Lama, who fled Tibet in 1959, said he has been in China for the past few years and has been working to improve relations between the two sides.

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## Pope leaves hospital, looks lively

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But it is not only the large companies that are being hit. Small and medium-sized firms are also being squeezed out of the market by the large ones.

The first set of cells is the *epithelial layer*, which is the outermost layer of the skin. It is composed of several layers of cells, with the outermost layer being the *stratum corneum*. The next layer is the *dermis*, which is the middle layer of the skin. It is composed of a variety of cells, including fibroblasts, which produce collagen and elastin, and melanocytes, which produce melanin. The innermost layer is the *hypodermis*, which is the layer of fat. It is composed of adipocytes, which store energy in the form of fat.

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Some 400 Leftist members gathered in Camp Mayaguez. When killed, their 3 prison guards, as an attempt to escape. Some civilians and 400 Leftist members died as a result. What do you think of the quality of security in our police and military (American forces)?

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# Israel has plans to attack Iran, says London Times

Israel's defense minister has said the country is considering a pre-emptive strike against Iran's nuclear facilities. The minister, Ehud Barak, said the country is considering a pre-emptive strike against Iran's nuclear facilities. The minister, Ehud Barak, said the country is considering a pre-emptive strike against Iran's nuclear facilities.

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**One man is accused, but Argentine's 'dirty war' is on trial**

By David Perry

Argentine's former president, Carlos Menem, is on trial for his role in the 'dirty war' of the 1970s. The trial is a landmark case in the history of human rights in Latin America. The trial is a landmark case in the history of human rights in Latin America.

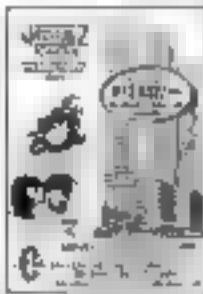
## US faces charges at UN rights meet

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## From trailer park to \$4-M mansion

By Janet Stone R. Magallon  
J.R. Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—Hilary Swank is the new Cinderella of Hollywood.

When would you think she's a girl who grew up in a trailer park and, at age 23, lived in a car with her mother when they moved to Los Angeles to avoid her dad's anger?

Once she became famous?

The house wasn't, however.

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"I grew up in a trailer park in a trailer park," she says. "I grew up in a trailer park in a trailer park in a trailer park. I grew up in a trailer park in a trailer park in a trailer park. I grew up in a trailer park in a trailer park in a trailer park."

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For her performance in *Millions*, Swank won the Best Actress award at the Cannes Film Festival. She was nominated for Best Actress at the Academy Awards. She was nominated for Best Actress at the Golden Globes. She was nominated for Best Actress at the MTV Movie Awards.

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"I DON'T know what I did in this life to deserve all this!"

Hilary Swank, receiving her Oscar for 'Million Dollar Baby'



Swank, dressed in white, receives her Oscar for 'Million Dollar Baby'.

## Boxing as drama

Dr. James C. Manning

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Figure 1 is a schematic representation of the experimental design. It is divided into two main sections: 'Pretest' and 'Main Experiment'. The 'Pretest' section shows a sequence of steps: 'Pretest 1' (a box with 'Pretest 1' and 'Pretest 2' inside), 'Pretest 2' (a box with 'Pretest 2' and 'Pretest 3' inside), and 'Pretest 3' (a box with 'Pretest 3' and 'Pretest 4' inside). The 'Main Experiment' section shows a sequence of steps: 'Main Experiment 1' (a box with 'Main Experiment 1' and 'Main Experiment 2' inside), 'Main Experiment 2' (a box with 'Main Experiment 2' and 'Main Experiment 3' inside), and 'Main Experiment 3' (a box with 'Main Experiment 3' and 'Main Experiment 4' inside). Arrows indicate the flow from Pretest 1 to Pretest 2, Pretest 2 to Pretest 3, Pretest 3 to Main Experiment 1, Main Experiment 1 to Main Experiment 2, Main Experiment 2 to Main Experiment 3, and Main Experiment 3 to Main Experiment 4.

## Travolta, Thurman chill out again



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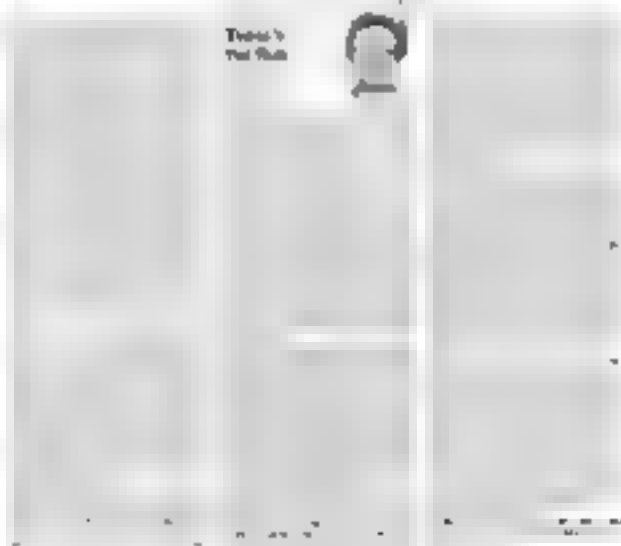
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This collage features a central cartoon pig character with a speech bubble that says "I'm a pig". To the left, there is a small image of a person's face. To the right, there is a large, stylized text graphic that reads "I'm a pig". The collage is composed of several smaller images and text elements arranged in a grid-like fashion.



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## Pesticide, not cyanide, killed 27 pupils in Bohol, DOH declares

The diagram illustrates a two-stage experimental design. Stage 1 consists of a 'Pre-Test' and a 'Post-Test' for a 'Control' group. Stage 2 also consists of a 'Pre-Test' and a 'Post-Test' for a 'Control' group. The diagram shows the flow of participants through these stages and the comparison of results.

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Figure 1 consists of four scatter plots arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top row shows data for 1990 and 1995, and the bottom row shows data for 1990 and 1995. The x-axis is 'Number of children' and the y-axis is 'Number of children not in school'. The plots show a positive correlation between the two variables.

Figure 1. Schematic representation of the experimental design. The subjects were divided into two groups: the control group (CG) and the experimental group (EG). The CG was divided into two subgroups: the control group (CG) and the control group (CG). The EG was divided into two subgroups: the experimental group (EG) and the experimental group (EG). The subjects were divided into two groups: the control group (CG) and the experimental group (EG). The CG was divided into two subgroups: the control group (CG) and the control group (CG). The EG was divided into two subgroups: the experimental group (EG) and the experimental group (EG).


## DOH insider comes out to assai Ligas Buntis

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Guests miss new P&P chief during takeover

Figure 1



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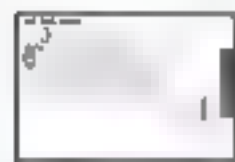


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### Manny also showing for MLB title

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Manny Ramirez, who has been in the news for his off-field antics, is expected to be a key player for the Boston Red Sox in the upcoming season. The team's manager, Terry Francona, has expressed confidence in Ramirez's ability to contribute to the team's success.

### Ex-world champion . . .

Former world champion boxer Manny Pacquiao is set to make a comeback in the ring. Pacquiao, who has won multiple world titles in various weight classes, is expected to fight against a top contender in the upcoming year. His return to the sport has generated significant interest among fans and the media.

### Used car craze over gloves

A craze for used cars has emerged in the market, with many buyers looking for affordable options. This trend is attributed to the economic challenges faced by many consumers, who are seeking value for their money. Dealerships are reporting a steady increase in sales of used vehicles.

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**MILLION DOLLAR MANNY**

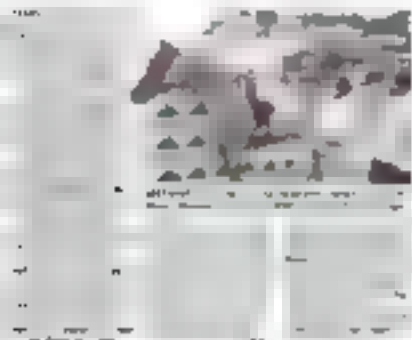
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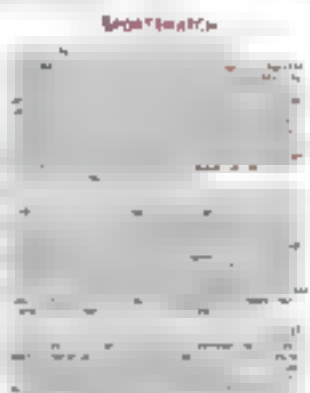
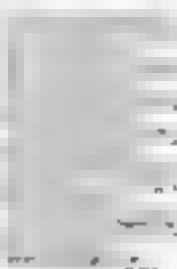
By Jonathan W. Papp

THIRTY-one nations are set to launch the 1998 SEA Games today with a series of ceremonies in Manila.

## Leviste tops SHAG qualifier



## Bigger cast seen in 2nd Epson Cup



## Less playing time for ace Barako guard



# Winds to test 40 select pros

By Murray G. Coombs

Forty select professional athletes will be tested by the winds of the Pacific Northwest on Thursday, August 13, 2009, as they compete in the 2010 Paralympic Games. The athletes will be competing in the 2010 Paralympic Games, which will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The athletes will be competing in a variety of sports, including swimming, cycling, and athletics. The athletes will be tested by the winds of the Pacific Northwest, which will be a challenge for many of them. The athletes will be competing in the 2010 Paralympic Games, which will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The athletes will be competing in a variety of sports, including swimming, cycling, and athletics. The athletes will be tested by the winds of the Pacific Northwest, which will be a challenge for many of them.

## World paralympic champ due

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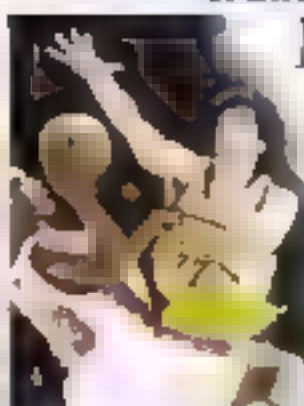
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# Lions playing in PBL under Nenaco fold

THE LIONS OF THE Professional Basketball League (PBL) are set to play their first game on Thursday night, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. at the University of Nevada, Reno. The team, which was formed by the late Nenaco, is set to play against the Reno Bighorns. The game is expected to be a high-scoring affair, with both teams looking to make a statement in their first game. The Lions are coached by former NBA player and coach, and are expected to be a competitive force in the league. The game is expected to draw a large crowd, and is a must-watch for basketball fans in the area.



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# Mavericks lick Timberwolves

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By Michael J. Smith

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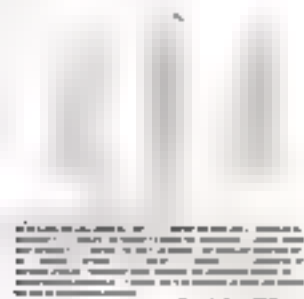
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Figure 1 is a 3D bar chart illustrating the effect of temperature (°C) on the concentration of various chemical species in a 0.01 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution. The x-axis represents temperature from 20 to 60 °C. The y-axis represents concentration from 0.00 to 0.01. The z-axis represents different chemical species: CO<sub>2</sub>(aq), H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>\*, HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, and CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>. The chart shows that as temperature increases, the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>(aq) and H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>\* decreases, while the concentration of HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> increases.

Figure 1: Experimental design. The diagram illustrates a sequence of events: Stimulus, Response, Feedback, and Outcome. Arrows indicate the flow from Stimulus to Response, Response to Feedback, and Feedback to Outcome. A feedback loop arrow returns from Outcome to Stimulus.





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# Toll fees, oil prices weigh on quarry trade

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO**—The Pampanga Truckers Association appealed to the Manila North Tollways Corp. to provide a 20-percent discount on fees at the North Lamon Expressway, saying the 500-percent increase in toll rates and oil price hikes were starting to kill the province's quarry industry.

Arnold Liwanag, PTA president, said 40 members of his group, which operates more than 300 trucks, had issued notices for a reduction in the delivery of sand to buyers in Metro Manila since last week.

This came as the cost of hauling sand rose 80 to 90 percent, he said in an interview after Thursday's consultation on a proposal reforming the collection system in the province's quarry industry.

"Some of us are not earning anymore," Liwanag said.

From P87 dump trucks are now charged P439 from this city to the Balintawak-Quezon City exit of the NLEX. The new rates became effective last Feb. 10.

Prices of gasoline have gone up thrice since January. A trip from Porac, Pampanga to Pasig City consumes an average of 90 liters of gasoline, Liwanag said.

Some 3,000 truckloads of sand are hauled

from the province daily.

He said there are other costs weighing on the quarry industry.

Miners pay P300 in sand tax to the provincial capital, between P50 and P90 in municipal sand tax, and P25-P50 in "pass way" fees to barangays.

Antonio Boyson, a quarry operator, said a single trip nets an income of only P40 after payment of wages of drivers and helpers and the cost of sand, the price of which varies depending on quality.

Liwanag said PTA members have not used the Manila North Road, more known as the MacArthur Highway, because traffic there was heavy and the road conditions were bad. He said PTA members, as frequent road users of the NLEX, should be entitled to at least a 20-percent discount on toll fees.

In the consultation, quarry operator Elvira Somadachai said Bureau of Internal Revenue collectors have started meeting with her and other traders on the collection of excise tax.

At least 40 percent of the proceeds of the tax would go to the local governments.

Industry leaders said many were still persisting with the trade even with the disturbing economic. **Journalist Gregorio, PDI Central Luzon Desk**

# New P101-M port seen boosting trade in Bicol

**LEGASPI CITY**—The completion of a new commercial port in Burabugay Pantao in Albay, in future is expected to spur trade in the region with the arrival of more cargo and passengers.

The port was also seen boosting economic in the region, especially in the third district of Albay which covers Albay, Polangin, Jara, Ligao, Guinobatan and Camalig.

Retho Agao, acting manager of the Port Management Office here of the Philippine Ports Authority projected that once the port is completed by June, total cargo volume in Pantao would reach 1,105.7 metric tons (MT), with 64,314 MT inbound and at about 46,743 MT outbound.

In succeeding years, the volume is projected to hit 300,000 MT.

There are currently eight major ports in Bicol—Matnog and Bulhan ports in Sorsogon, Jose Panganiban Port in Camarines Norte, San Andres Port in Catanduanes, Masbate Port in Masbate, Pasacao Port in Camarines Sur, and the Legaspi City and Tabaco City ports in Albay.

He added that with the completion of Pantao Port, they expect an escalating inter-island and domestic cargo traffic and an increasing average ship tonnage record.

"This could mean competition since domestic cargo traffic can be diverted from Legaspi and Tabaco ports to Pantao. Or private (foreign) firms could be encouraged to use the new port," Agao said.

Last year, there was a two-percent fall in the volume of international total cargo traffic in Bicol based on metric tonnage, from 3.65 million metric tons to 3.58 MT.

The decline was partly attributed to the series of typhoons that hit the country last year and the lack of export products.

But with the opening of the Pantao Port, Agao said the Bicol region could attract more cargo clients like logistics companies, manufacturing firms producing sea-borne cargoes and agri-business products.

The P100 8-million port was part of the almost P90-billion budget for major infrastructure development projects in Bicol. **Gil Francisco G. Arevalo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau**

# GMA to seek lower power rates for Negros Oriental

**DUMAGUETE CITY**—President Macapagal-Arroyo has offered to get the Energy Regulatory Commission to lower electricity rates in Negros Oriental.

Arroyo said in an interview with the media here last week that she would ask the Department of Energy to petition the ERC to lower rates in the province.

She added that local electric cooperatives should support the petition once the DOE files it with the ERC.

The President offered the solution to appease Oriental Negrenses, who have been complaining of high electric rates despite being a source of cheap geothermal energy.

Local residents deny the fact that Dumaguete pays more for electricity than consumers in Bacolod and Cebu, who benefit from the geothermal energy from Palapagan, Negros Occidental.

The higher rate for Negros Oriental was traced

to Napocor's system of charging a uniform rate for all provinces in a grid, with local electric cooperatives adding on a distribution charge depending.

The President said that the Energy Commission could review the "one grid-one rate" policy of the National Power Corp. (Napocor) when it meets in Malacañang.

The review, she said, would look into the ability of the different cooperatives to deliver electricity in the region.

Negros Oriental 2 Electric Cooperative (Noreco 2) institutional services manager Leopoldo Elmaco explained during the recent forum that Noreco 2 charges more for distribution because it has fewer consumers who share the cost.

Besides, he added, the Noreco 2 provides electricity to far-flung barangays despite the lack of consumers, because of the rural electrification program. **Alex Pail, PDI Visayas Bureau**



**POTABLE water for a remote barangay.** These children in Surabugay Chan, Baguio City, Baguio City, used to hike for kilometers just to get water for their household use. Now, with the installation of a potable water system, made possible through a grant by the Japanese Embassy, under its Grant assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GAGP), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded Alliance for Mindanao Off-grid Renewable Energy (Amare), they just go to any one of the 11 tap stands located across the village and they can easily get water. Amare is being implemented in at least 150 remote communities in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), Western and Central Mindanao in partnership with the Dept. of Energy, ARMM and Micant Philippines.



## Tourism program seen raising \$5B in investments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1—The U.S. Department of Commerce's new \$5-billion tourism program, announced last week, is expected to raise \$5 billion in private investments in the U.S. economy, according to a Commerce Department spokesman.

The program, which is part of the U.S. Trade and Administration's new "America's Choice" initiative, is designed to attract foreign tourists to the U.S. and to encourage them to spend money in the U.S. economy. The program will provide a variety of incentives to businesses that attract foreign tourists, including tax breaks, grants, and other financial assistance.

## Hardware chain plans to go public

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1—A hardware chain that has been in operation for more than 20 years is planning to go public, according to a source familiar with the company's plans. The company, which is based in the U.S., has been successful in its operations and is looking for a way to raise capital for expansion.

## Group for entrepreneurs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1—A group of entrepreneurs is planning to launch a new business, according to a source familiar with the group's plans. The group, which is based in the U.S., is looking for a way to raise capital for expansion.

## T-bill rates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1—The U.S. Treasury Department has announced that it will be issuing new Treasury bills at a rate of 5.5% per year. This is the highest rate in several years and is expected to attract a lot of interest from investors.

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# A whole weak market

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## Court stops SEC from enforcing order on Cemco tender offer

Gov't sues to force share in Malapaya revenue to remain intact

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## Mining sector sees \$555M

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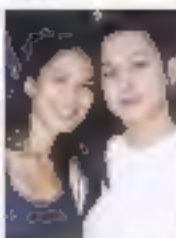
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# Bed rest may not relieve

**L**OWER back pain can be mysterious. In majority of cases, the causes are unknown.

Sometimes, the physical evidence does not match the presence or absence of pain. Some people have chronic back pain but do not have any sign of internal damage while others who have never had back pain discover that they have a bulging vertebral disk or some other structural problem that should be causing them pain.

Some people with very tight hamstrings (believed to be a common cause of back pain) have perfectly normal lower backs while others who have flexible hamstrings have back problems.

One thing for sure, lower back pain is a constant perplexity for many people. Sometimes even said it was the price someone paid for walking on two legs.

Here is a small compilation of the latest research on the prevention and treatment of lower back pain. It is just a substitute for professional advice but simply information that lower back pain sufferers may find interesting.

Always consult your doctor for appropriate treatment and therapy for your specific type of lower back problem.

## Muscle coordination

Strengthening the abdominal and back muscles has long been a rite in the treatment of lower back pain. But experts do not agree on what strengthening exercises are best. Some believe exercises can put a good amount of pressure on the spinal disks.

Dutch researchers discovered that strength coordination of the back muscles is just as important as having strong and flexible muscles. In their three-month study of 40 people ages 18-65 with chronic back pain, those who did special exercises that did not strengthen the back but developed better coordination of the trunk muscles had just as good results in terms of less back pain and better back mobility as the group that did the traditional back strengthening exercises.

If you want to learn how to do coordination exercises, check out the article by Olof Anderson in Sports Injury Bulletin at <http://www.sportsinjurybulletin.com/archives/0033-lower-back-pain.htm>.

## Medium firm mattress

A 2003 study published in The Lancet found that medium firm mattresses were better at relieving lower back pain while lying in bed and upon rising than firm mattresses. This is contrary to the common belief that firm, hard mattresses are best. (Spring mattresses were used in the three-month study so results could be different for other types of mattresses.)

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A study found medium firm mattresses better than firm mattresses

On a scale of one-10, with 10 being the softest, medium firm mattresses were rated five-six while firm mattresses were rated seven-eight. Neither participants nor researchers knew who got which type of mattress.

In a review of the study, Dr. Richard Fitzmaurice-Gibson wrote, "Since you spend about one-third of your life lying down on a mattress, it makes sense that the type of mattress you have could affect your lower back."

## Forgiveness and depression

It has been demonstrated that chronic pain can lead to depression but a 2003 University of Alberta study found that the opposite could also be true. Researchers discovered that people with depression were four times as likely to develop severe neck and lower back pain than people who were not depressed.

Meanwhile, a 2004 Yale University study found that among chronic back pain sufferers, those who had issues with self-forgiveness had higher levels of pain and had more anger and depression than people who were more forgiving.

## Back injections

The average person associates back or lumbar spine injections with needles left back has long been used to control muscle overactivity. It has also been found effective in easing migraines and keeping dry reflexively secretory muscles and hands.

According to a study presented at the 2000 Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology, lumbar injections may also help relieve chronic mechanical lower back pain. Medical doctors who patients involved in the study found that was getting the shot at neck injections.

At three weeks, 11 of the 14 patients experienced 50 percent pain relief compared to only four of the 14 patients who did not receive the shot.

## EXERCISE OF THE WEEK

# Overhead dumbbell press on stability ball



**STRENGTHENS** the front of the shoulders and the upper back while challenging the "core" muscles.

## Equipment:

Dumbbells and a stability ball. This exercise can also be done seated on a chair or bench.

## Procedure:

1. Sit on a stability ball with both feet flat on the floor.
2. Raise the dumbbells to the sides of your shoulders with the palms facing front.
3. Take a breath, hold it and keep your

abdominals tight then smoothly lift the dumbbells overhead till your arms are straight, with the elbows just slightly bent. Exhale as soon as you pass the hardest part of the lift. (Holding your breath for just a split-second as you start the lift gives support to your spine.)

4. Slowly lower the dumbbells to the starting position.

## Performance tips:

1. Your arms are straight in the overhead position but be sure that you are not locking your elbow joint.
2. Do not allow the dumbbells to drift forward or backward in the overhead position.
3. In the uppermost position, your elbows should be next to your ears, not in front of them.
4. Keep your abdominals tight and do not allow your lower back to arch to lift the dumbbells up.
5. If you have chronic shoulder joint or lower back problems, avoid this exercise.

## Repetitions:

12-25 repetitions





## Do our beliefs about physical reality need revision?

**Q101** Heavy phosgene gas has been used in attempts to de-foliate Vietnam's jungles. How does this gas affect the plants?

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with a growing literature that suggests  
that women are more likely to be  
employed in the service sector.

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It is important to note that the results of this study are based on a cross-sectional design. Therefore, the causal relationships between the variables cannot be definitively established. Future research should employ longitudinal designs to investigate the temporal relationships between the variables.

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### For-men-only weight-loss program

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1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

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